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### Gave Fine Concert

Tom Scott, concert and radio star, gave a program of American folk songs in the Auditorium Saturday evening, September 21. This concert marked the opening of the entertainment course of the School for Girls and students of Northfield and Mount Hermon joined in welcoming the well-known ballad singer.

Mr. Scott has not only appeared on the concert stage and in the theatre and radio but has created symphonic and choral compositions and musical arrangements for radio, theatre and ballet. He has also published over a hundred choral arrangements of folk songs.

Following his education at the University of Kentucky and the Louisville Conservatory of Music. His rise to fame as an outstanding entertainment personality came as a result of year in New York during which he supported himself and paid for voice and composition lessons by a variety of jobs that ranged from bridge building to being a singing waiter and appearing on amateur night programs, the latter leading to roles in Broadway shows, singing with Fred Waring and appearances on the radio.

### START USO DRIVE

Twenty county towns will participate in a USO drive opening October 2 with a goal of \$5,000. Winston Healy, of Charlemont, is general chairman.

Mrs. E. M. Powell is chairman for Northfield and she will name her committees soon. At a meeting at the Powell home on Wednesday evening a number of invited guests heard Mr. Healy explain the need for this campaign as many men are still in service and needed the privileges of the organization. The quota for Northfield is \$1,000.

Daylight time is out this week and we begin living again on standard time on Sunday.

### In Aid Of Animals

The Massachusetts SPCA with headquarters in Boston has the state well districted with representatives and for Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties John T. Brown is the agent with offices at 53 Bliss Street, Springfield, tel. Springfield 4-7355. All cases of abused or neglected animals should be reported to him for attention and the editor hopes our townspeople will co-operate. Just at this time there seems to be an epidemic of abandoned cats probably from summer homes and at the editor's home such cats were adopted and turned out to be fine animals, but the act of abandoning a cat or other animal is punishable and a reward for information will be paid as those guilty are liable in court. A shelter for animals is maintained at Northampton for this territory. Better be wise, be kind to animals and don't neglect your pets.

### ALFRED EDSON DIES

Alfred Edson, 28, of South Vernon, died in the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital Monday, September 16, where he had been removed from the Keene hospital following an accident in Swanzy Centre a week ago when the jeep he was driving failed to make the curve near the covered bridge in Swanzy Centre near Sawyer's crossing.

The car struck a pine tree and went onto the elawn of the Baker home. The jeep was demolished.

Edson has been taking lessons in night flying at the Bowman Field in North Swanzy and was on his way home at the time of the accident.

Edson was an honorably discharged veteran. He was born in South Vernon October 6, 1917, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest P. Edson.

Besides his parents he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Norman Lenhart, of South Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Vern Capen, of Vernon, and a brother, James, who lives at home.

Funeral services were held at Vernon Union Church with the Rev. E. E. Jones officiating. Members of the American Legion, of which he was a member, assisted in the services.

### Rustic Ridge Story

The most excellent historical booklet covering the story of Rustic Ridge and prepared by the Rev. Dr. Robert Bonner Jack of this town affords interesting study and of the first edition but few copies remain. A second printing will make this booklet available to others who desire a copy and persons should send 50 cents and 5 cents additional to cover postage and mailing for a copy. Mail requests should be sent to William F. Hoehn, clerk, East Northfield, Mass.

### LOCAL LEGION ELECTS

Members of Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion, at its meeting held Tuesday evening in Town Hall, reelected Stanley Payson commander. Others elected were Robert Hubbell, vice-commander; Edward Hurley, adjutant; Richard Steenbruggen, finance officer; Edward M. Powell, chaplain; Harold Briesmaster, historian; Raymond C. Miller, sergeant-at-arms. Committees will be appointed later.

There is no truth in the report that the former "milk bar" lot, cellar and foundations have been purchased for a new printing plant.

### School Enrollment

With the opening of the public schools in Northfield the enrollment seems to be quite stationary, about the same as last year although less in the high school. The listing is as follows. High school—Freshmen, 21; sophomores, 17; juniors, 20; seniors, 11, a total of 69 and a decrease of three from last year. At the center school grade one has 20; grade two, 33; grade three, 29; grade four, 37; grade five, 33; grade six, 38; grade seven, 32; grade eight, 27; a total of 249, the same number as last year.

### MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

A Marine Corps League has been organized for Franklin County composed of veterans in that service of the government and the name is the Lieut. William J. Carroll Detachment. William D. Ross of this town has been chosen as senior vice-commandant. Willard Ariel, of Turners Falls, is commandant. The Marine Corps League will be of benefit to all men who have served and invites all such to join its ranks. Its motto is "A Marine, always a Marine." Mr. Ross will be glad to help in the affiliation of any ex-Marine and to explain all purposes.

### Must Have Houses

An unusual demand for homes by sale or rent is evident these days and within the past two weeks some two dozen of applicants have made their appearance. Most of them would make desirable neighbors in our community but at present the outlook is discouraging. A price of over \$10,000 is prohibitive and high rental values without modern conveniences are frowned upon. However, if any properties are available either for rent or for sale, inform Mr. Hoehn, who will pass on the necessary information. Many young couples and discharged veterans need homes and would like to locate in Northfield.

### G O P RALLY

There will be a pre-election rally of Franklin County Republicans for the candidates for election on the Republican ticket on Monday, October 14, in Greenfield. A most cordial invitation will be extended to all voters to attend and to meet the several candidates headed by Lieut. Gov. Robert Bradford who himself is a candidate for the office of Governor. It is expected that several delegations will attend from Northfield, including all members of the Republican Town Committee.

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#### TOWN TOPICS

Greetings come from Miss Dorothy Woodruff and her mother, Mrs. C. C. Woodruff, who have been at their home in Maplewood, N. J., this summer. They have missed the friendly association of folks on the Ridge.

Richard Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Bolton, of West Northfield, has entered the University of Colorado at Denver for study. He was recently discharged from the army after three years of service.

Local Episcopalians will welcome the news that the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, D.D., bishop of Massachusetts, has been chosen as the new presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Holton and family ended their summer vacation last week and started home for Atlanta, Ga., by motor.

The county sportsmen's clubs will hold a field day on Sunday, September 29 at Green Pond in Millers Falls.

Northfield with a population of 2,064 has 1,052 registered voters and ranks fifth in the county in political importance.

The annual meeting of the Franklin County chapter of the American Red Cross will be held in the County Commissioners' room at the Court House in Greenfield on Friday, September 27 at 10 o'clock A. M. when officers will be chosen.

Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Sibley and family, who spent the summer here in the cottage they purchased in the Highlands, are removing to Cavendish, Vt., where he will be pastor of the local church. They formerly resided in New Bedford.

Members of the WCTU met at the home of Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle on Glenwood Ave. Wednesday, September 18, with Mrs. N. Fay Smith, the president, presiding. Delegates were selected to attend the State WCTU convention which will meet in Greenfield on October 2. Refreshments were served at the meeting by Mrs. Lazelle.

Mrs. Lucy Folstead, of Springfield, has closed her house at Mount Hermon where she spent the summer months and returned home.

The Merriman house at the corner of Main and Pine Streets recently remodeled into apartments by Mr. Van Valkenburg is being advertised for sale.

#### TOWN TOPICS

Rev. Dr. Joseph L. Peacock, who with members of his family spent the summer at his cottage on Rustic Ridge, has returned to Glens Falls and this winter will serve as interim pastor of the Friends Church there, a Quaker congregation.

Miss Josephine A. Moody, who spent the summer at her cottage on the Ridge will teach this winter at Kingswood School at Tate Springs, Bean Station, Tennessee, and left Northfield last week.

The former Miss Arlene L. Finch, now Mrs. Milton H. Flocken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cortland R. Finch, has been awarded a grant in upper class students. Mrs. Flocken is a sophomore at Bates.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Berlin, of New York city, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Heselon at their home on Main Street this week end, the former Callaghan house which they recently purchased. Mrs. Berlin is a well known pianist on radio programs and concerted for the U. S. Treasury during loan campaigns.

Owen Stacy, of West Northfield, was elected vice-president of the Franklin County Bookkeepers Association at its recent annual meeting.

Announcement has been made that a series of evangelistic services will soon be held at No. 3 schoolhouse with Thomas Fletcher, of Worcester, evangelist, as leader. The public is invited to attend and the dates will be advertised.

Miss Fannie Lombard was given a shower by friends at the home of Mrs. Irwin Severance on Birnam Road recently. Miss Lombard received many gifts and a committee served refreshments. She will be married in October to Julian Black of this town.

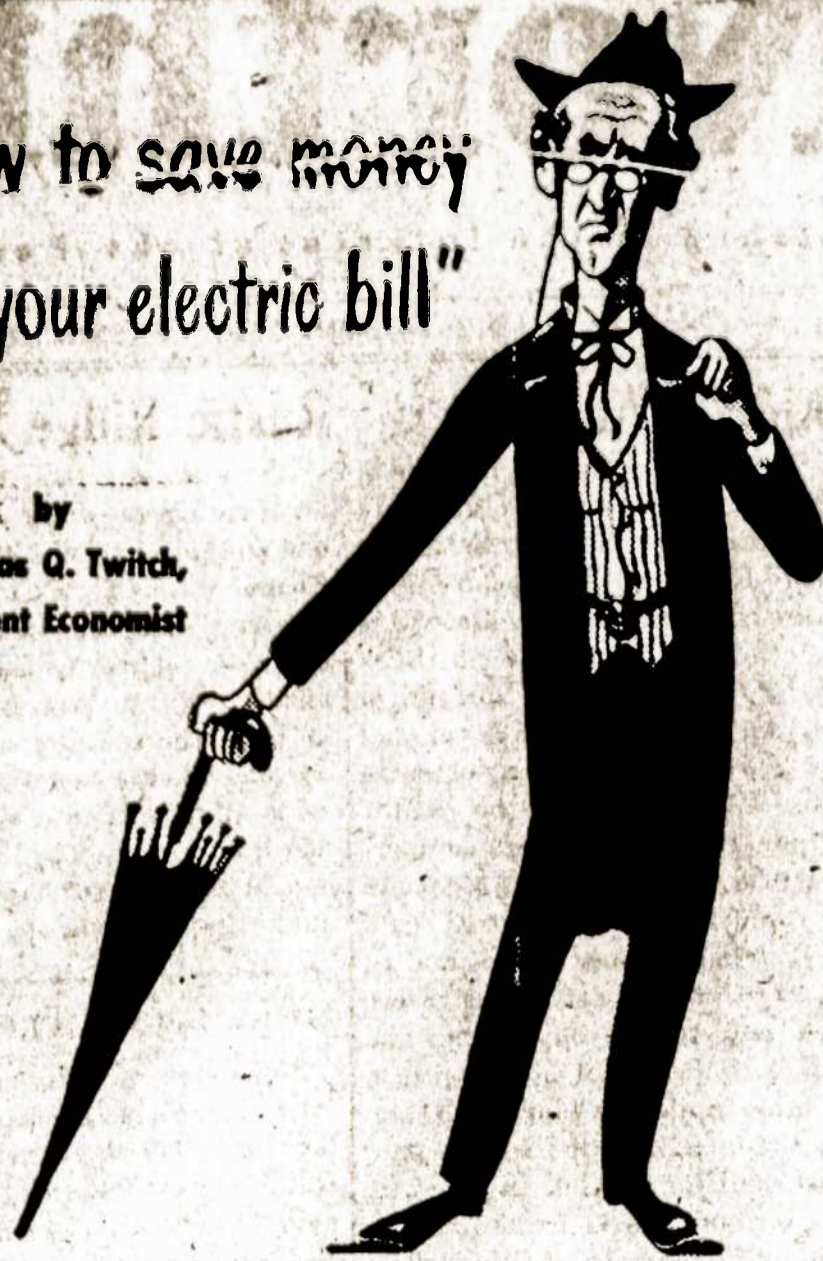
"Dodge reports" that a new residence will be built on East Street as soon as materials are available for J. T. Callaghan of this town.

The Rev. Loring B. Chase, who with his family have been at their summer home in the Highlands, has also been the preacher at the Metcalf Chapel in Warwick during the season but will bid farewell the first Sunday in October and depart for Florida where he has purchased a home.

Mrs. P. A. Fallon, of Hartford, Conn., has been a guest at the home of Miss Louise Roe on Rustic Ridge.

## "How to save money on your electric bill"

by  
Phineas Q. Twitch,  
Eminent Economist



- 1 Throw away your electric clock and buy a sun-dial. Of course, it won't wake you up for work, but think of the fun you'll have trying to figure out what time it is — on sunny days, anyway. And you'll be saving about 5c every month! At that rate, you'll have the sun-dial almost paid for in only 41 years!
- 2 Donate your electric washer to an orphanage and start doing your wash by hand. In one month, you'll actually have saved 8c! At the end of a year, you'll have almost enough money to pay for a good strong washboard, which you'll be needing by then. The exercise will do you worlds of good, and keep you out of mischief for hours and hours at a time.
- 3 Turn off your radio during "The Electric Hour" on Sunday afternoon. Of course, you'll miss a wonderful program, but you'll save a sixth of a penny every time you do it. In a year, that's nearly 9c. And there's no music so pleasant as those coppers clinking in your pocket!



#### TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Beth B. Dowd, of Springfield, has sold her property on Main Street to Mr. and Mrs. George Casey, of Windsor, Conn., who with their three children will occupy for a home. They took possession on September 13.

After spending a pleasant summer vacation at her home on Rustic Ridge, Miss Martha C. Strippel has returned to Kew Gardens, N. Y.

Miss Ruby M. Sheldon has closed her cottage in the Highland and is now located at Amityville, N. Y., with the Long Island Home.

Progress is rapidly being made on the new garage and service station of Paul G. Jordan on Main Street. It will be completely enclosed before winter weather sets in.

A member of the survey staff of the U. S. Public Health Service operating in New England is anxious to locate in Northfield provided he can rent a home for his family of wife and four children. Owner of a home with modern conveniences should confer with Mr. Hoehn, Tel. 536.

Completion of the large addition to the building of the Northfield Hotel by Leavis and Bolton is expected soon. The addition is constructed over the building containing the dining room and will provide 17 rooms.

A son, Donald Edward, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Curry, of Port Richmond, Va., at the Johnston-Willis Hospital of Richmond; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Curry of Port Richmond and Joseph E. Ross of this town.

Selectman George H. Sheldon attended a meeting of county officials from the various towns Thursday afternoon, September 12, in Greenfield, called by the State Highway Commissioner and asked for an appropriation of \$4,000 for work to be done on the Warwick Road.

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Through Miss Caroline B. Lane greetings come from Miss Elma Levering whose home is in Lynn Haven, Florida, and who remains cheerful and interested in Northfield friends despite her continued illness. Miss Levering is a former resident of this town.

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